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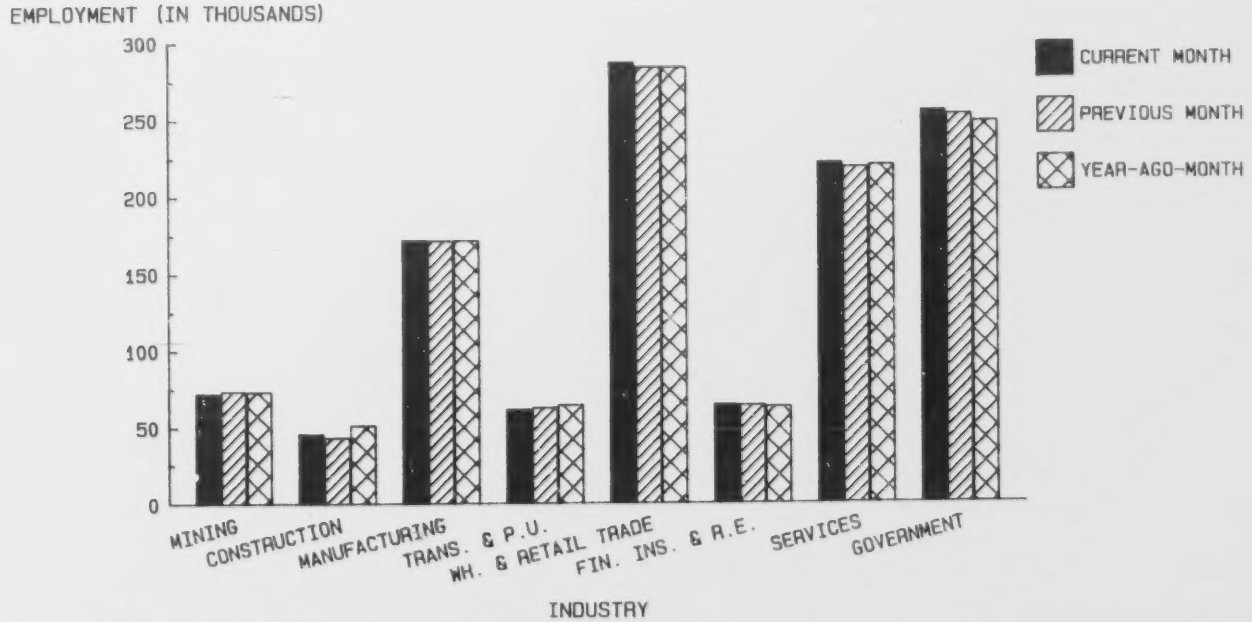
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment in Oklahoma, based on a place-of-residence concept, totaled 1,421,400 in March, or 23,000 more than February. Nevertheless, this latest month's estimate was 5,400 below the comparative 1984 period. Unemployment was estimated at 116,000, or 12,000 fewer over the 30 day span but still some 4,700 greater than a year ago. As a result of these changes in labor force components, the percent unemployed dropped to 7.6 percent, down from February's 8.4 rate, but slightly above the 7.3 percent for March 1984. In spite of the short-term improvement, the State's job situation appeared weaker than a year earlier.

MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISIONS
OKLAHOMA
MARCH, 1985



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NONFARM EMPLOYMENT INCREASES SEASONALLY

March nonfarm wage and salary employment totaled 1,183,900, up from 1,175,900 in February. This 8,000 increase was, however, somewhat less than normal for the period but did not reflect usual seasonal trends. Specifically, trade recorded the largest advance, 2,800, with significant personnel additions at eating and drinking establishments. Service employment rose seasonally by 2,600 while construction added 2,300, also the result of seasonality. Government added 2,300 jobs. Finally, manufacturing and finance-insurance-real estate posted additions of 500 and 300 workers, respectively. On the downside, mining cut back 1,500 in the dominant oil and gas extraction component. Employment was also reduced by 1,300 in transportation-public utilities, largely in transportation, especially trucking and warehousing.

Year-ago comparisons of nonfarm industry employment revealed a slight increase of 2,800 this March when compared to the corresponding 1984 month. Government recorded the major over-the-year advance, adding 7,000 overall. Trade followed with 2,800 additions. Manufacturing was the only other industry division to record a gain - a small upturn of 200 workers. Meanwhile, construction led industry losers with a 5,500 job reduction. Mining employment dropped 1,300. Losses also occurred in transportation-public utilities, mostly noticeable in trucking and warehousing.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Production workers in Oklahoma factories worked an average of 42.2 hours per week at $9.83 per hour or $414.83 weekly during the survey week in March. This represented a gain of $34.01 above the comparable period in February as their workweeks increased by almost three hours, while their hourly wage rates rose 14 cents. Those employed in durable goods plants in the State also followed the same trend - longer hours at higher hourly earnings - resulting in $52.78 more in average weekly paychecks. Nondurable goods workers for this period averaged about the same number of hours worked, but lost 6 cents hourly, causing a small decline in weekly wages. Among the individual manufacturing industries shown on the *Hours and Earnings Table* in this publication, transportation equipment and machinery, except electrical, had the strongest over-the-month increase in weekly earnings.

Five manufacturing industries are also surveyed and included on the *Hours and Earnings Table*. Those employed in oil and gas extraction, construction and retail trade earned more, on average, in March compared with February. Public utilities workers' weekly paychecks were slightly lower, while wholesale trade employees' pay remained virtually unchanged.

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT IN OKLAHOMA

The insured unemployment in Oklahoma increased to a total of 30,435 for the week which ended March 23, 1985. This was 1,832 more than reported during February, when 28,604 jobless claims were reported. Between the week of December 22, 1984, and March 23, 1985, 6,310 more persons claimed to be among the insured jobless, an increase of almost 26 percent during the first quarter of 1985. The recent March total was an increase of 7,945, or 35 percent more than the 22,491 insured, unemployed jobless of the week of March 24, 1984. This increase during the last year, indeed during the most recent quarter, is a measure of the persistence of certain kinds of unemployment in Oklahoma, particularly as 7,544 persons were among those reported to be unemployed for a duration of 15 weeks or more. This was almost twice the number in this category than at this time a year earlier.

Comparison of the insured joblessness by major industry group revealed that the largest number was in contract construction, 6,698 (22 percent); manufacturing was next, with 6,119 (20.3 percent); wholesale and retail trade followed with 4,658 (15.3 percent); and mining was fourth with 3,607 (11.9 percent). These four groups combined to total 21,132, or 70 percent of the insured unemployed reported during the week which ended March 23, 1985.

Insured joblessness classified by occupational attachment of the claimants was greatest in structural work, with 7,446 (24.5 percent); followed by miscellaneous occupations with 5,598 (18.4 percent); clerical work, third with 4,482 (14.7 percent); and professional-technical-managerial, 3,695 (12.1 percent). The total of these four groups was 21,221, or 70 percent of the jobless indentified by occupational group. Claims in each of the other occupational groups remained below 10 percent for the month.

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE SITUATION

Unemployment rates decreased in 67 Oklahoma counties in March from February. Only 9 counties had higher jobless rates, while the rate was unchanged in another county. Lower unemployment also occurred in the States' two largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas - Oklahoma City and Tulsa - with the jobless rate dropping to 6.2 from 6.8 percent in the former and to 7.1 from 8.1 percent in the latter.

Statewide unemployment, as previously reported in this publication, declined to 7.6 from 8.4 percent during this same February-March period. The States' latest rate was only slightly above the national unadjusted rate of 7.5 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the U. S. rate was 7.3 in March compared to 7.7 percent for Oklahoma.

Despite the short-term improvement in unemployment, jobless rates this March were up from March 1984 in 43 counties. The Oklahoma City MSA also stood 0.7 of a percent above the year-ago level and the State unemployment rate was 0.3 of one percent higher over this 12 month period.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

Item	Number (In Thousands)			% Chg.	Absolute Change	
	Mar 1985p	Feb 1985r	Mar 1984r	Feb 85 Mar 85	Feb 85 Mar 85	Mar 84 Mar 85
Total Labor Force †	1538.0	1527.0	1538.7	0.7	11.0	– 0.7
Unemployment	116.6	128.6	111.9	– 9.3	– 12.0	4.7
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.4	7.3	-----	-----	-----
Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.)	7.7	7.9	7.3	-----	-----	-----
Total Employment	1421.4	1398.4	1426.8	1.6	23.0	– 5.4
Agriculture	47.5	46.6	48.0	1.9	0.9	– 0.5
Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers	176.0	174.7	182.0	0.7	1.3	– 6.0
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
† Based on place-of-residence concept.						
Wage and Salaries Workers, Total *	1183.9	1175.9	1181.1	0.7	8.0	2.8
Manufacturing	172.4	171.9	172.2	0.3	0.5	0.2
Durable Goods	108.6	108.4	107.9	0.2	0.2	0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.0	0.1	– 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10.9	10.9	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	17.5	17.6	17.0	– 0.6	– 0.1	0.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.1	9.1	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Machinery Exc. Electrical	36.2	36.1	35.7	0.3	0.1	0.5
Construction & Related Mach	13.8	13.9	13.2	– 0.7	– 0.1	0.6
Oil Field Machinery	8.7	8.9	9.1	– 2.2	– 0.2	– 0.4
General Industrial Machinery	6.8	6.8	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.6
Electrical and Electronic Equip	11.8	11.8	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
Transportation Equipment	18.9	18.8	19.6	0.5	0.1	– 0.7
Motor Vehicle and Equip	11.8	11.8	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.2
Aircraft & Parts	6.5	6.5	7.5	0.0	0.0	– 1.0
Instruments & Related Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	63.8	63.5	64.3	0.5	0.3	– 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	14.5	14.4	14.4	0.7	0.1	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	8.8	9.1	9.7	– 3.3	– 0.3	– 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	11.6	11.6	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Newspapers & Periodicals	6.4	6.4	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	8.1	7.8	8.7	3.8	0.3	– 0.6
Petroleum Refining	7.6	7.3	8.1	4.1	0.3	– 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	12.0	11.8	11.4	1.7	0.2	0.6
Tires & Inner Tubes	7.6	7.5	7.2	1.3	0.1	0.4
Mining	72.7	74.2	74.0	– 2.0	– 1.5	– 1.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	69.9	71.5	71.1	– 2.2	– 1.6	– 1.2
Construction	46.4	44.1	51.9	5.2	2.3	– 5.5
Heavy Construction Contractor	9.8	9.1	10.6	7.7	0.7	– 0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities Ex	62.1	63.4	65.0	– 2.1	– 1.3	– 2.9
Transportation	31.9	33.1	34.0	– 3.6	– 1.2	– 2.1
Railroad Transportation	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	16.4	17.1	17.8	– 4.1	– 0.7	– 1.4
Communications & Electric, GA	30.2	30.3	31.0	– 0.3	– 0.1	– 0.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	287.1	284.3	284.3	1.0	2.8	2.8
Wholesale Trade	68.8	68.2	67.8	0.9	0.6	1.0
Retail Trade	218.3	216.1	216.5	1.0	2.2	1.8
General Merchandise Stores	29.1	29.0	28.2	0.3	0.1	0.9
Department Stores	12.6	12.7	12.4	– 0.8	– 0.1	0.2
Food Stores	37.7	38.2	38.8	– 1.3	– 0.5	– 1.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Sta	26.2	25.9	25.8	1.2	0.3	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.4	14.6	14.7	– 1.4	– 0.2	– 0.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.0	64.7	63.8	0.5	0.3	1.2
Banking	21.9	21.8	22.2	0.5	0.1	– 0.3
Insurance Carriers	9.3	9.4	9.3	– 1.1	– 0.1	0.0
Services	222.2	219.6	220.9	1.2	2.6	1.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.4	11.1	11.6	2.7	0.3	– 0.2
Personal Services	12.1	12.0	12.0	0.8	0.1	0.1
Health Services	69.2	68.8	69.6	0.6	0.4	– 0.4
Hospitals	28.0	28.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	– 1.5
Total Government	256.0	253.7	249.0	0.9	2.3	7.0
Federal Government	50.7	50.2	49.4	1.0	0.5	1.3
State and Local Government	205.3	203.5	199.6	0.9	1.8	5.7
State Government	71.9	71.0	70.4	1.3	0.9	1.5
Local Government	133.4	132.5	129.2	0.7	0.9	4.2

** These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1984 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

HOURS AND EARNINGS
IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
MARCH 1985

INDUSTRY GROUP	AVE. WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVE. WEEKLY HOURS			AVE. HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar 1985P	Feb 1985R	Mar 1984R	Mar 1985P	Feb 1985R	Mar 1984R	Mar 1985P	Feb 1985R	Mar 1984R
MANUFACTURING	$414.83	$380.82	$412.13	42.2	39.3	42.4	$9.83	$9.69	$9.72
DURABLE GOODS	439.06	386.28	426.72	43.3	38.9	42.8	10.14	9.93	9.97
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	433.67	424.62	414.83	42.6	42.0	41.4	10.18	10.11	10.02
PRIMARY METALS	413.13	410.45	395.81	42.9	42.8	43.4	9.63	9.59	9.12
FABRICATED METALS	385.42	379.60	370.06	40.4	40.0	40.4	9.54	9.49	9.16
FABRICATED STRUCTURAL METALS	389.75	375.72	380.80	41.2	40.4	41.8	9.46	9.30	9.11
MACHINERY EXECPT ELECTRICAL	429.07	326.68	414.43	45.5	34.1	44.9	9.43	9.58	9.23
OIL FIELD MACHINERY	426.78	424.32	418.20	41.8	41.6	42.2	10.21	10.20	9.91
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	388.85	393.57	409.17	39.8	40.7	42.8	9.77	9.67	9.56
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	588.96	493.61	570.21	45.2	41.1	43.1	13.03	12.01	13.23
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	407.98	402.05	414.80	42.9	42.5	42.5	9.51	9.46	9.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	368.92	370.40	386.14	40.1	40.0	41.7	9.20	9.26	9.26
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	322.34	325.07	325.20	40.7	41.2	41.8	7.92	7.89	7.78
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILES	188.75	178.60	176.15	38.6	36.9	37.8	4.89	4.84	4.66
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	407.53	408.80	404.93	41.5	41.8	44.4	9.82	9.78	9.12
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	399.74	404.21	384.35	42.3	41.8	40.5	9.45	9.67	9.49
NEWSPAPER & PERIODICALS	418.77	437.90	416.97	42.3	43.1	41.0	9.90	10.16	10.17
PETROLEUM REFINING	517.44	511.81	605.14	39.2	39.4	46.3	13.20	12.99	13.07
NONMANUFACTURING									
CONSTRUCTION	415.15	412.73	434.92	37.1	36.3	37.3	11.19	11.37	11.66
OIL & GAS EXTRACTION	451.92	447.32	436.54	42.0	42.2	41.3	10.76	10.60	10.57
PUBLIC UTILITIES	483.80	490.81	458.78	41.0	41.7	40.6	11.80	11.77	11.30
WHOLESALE TRADE	356.85	356.84	346.33	39.0	39.3	39.4	9.15	9.08	8.79
RETAIL TRADE*	191.58	187.84	200.41	30.9	30.2	32.8	6.20	6.22	6.11

Note: *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 124,900 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1984 benchmark.*
Above industries have been classified according to the **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**
P - *Preliminary* **R** - *Revised.* *****Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

Source: *Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.*

LABOR FORCE DATA

MONTH: MARCH 1985

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAR 85	FEB 85	MAR 84
	U.S.	105,768,000	8,625,000	114,393,000	7.5	7.8	8.1
	OKLAHOMA	1,421,400	116,400	1,537,800	7.6	8.4	7.3
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	7,020	680	7,700	8.8	9.7	9.0
2	ALFALFA	3,210	150	3,360	4.5	4.9	3.7
3	ATOKA	4,720	760	5,480	13.9	15.4	11.8
4	BEAVER	3,550	100	3,650	2.7	3.0	3.5
5	BECKHAM	8,930	940	9,870	9.5	9.4	12.2
6	BLAINE	5,400	470	5,870	8.0	8.9	6.8
7	BRYAN	13,400	1,330	14,730	9.0	9.9	8.8
8	CADDO	12,810	1,380	14,190	9.7	10.8	8.3
9	CANADIAN	31,975	1,850	33,825	5.5	5.6	4.3
10	CARTER	20,625	1,650	22,275	7.4	8.0	7.6
11	CHEROKEE	14,930	1,810	16,740	10.8	11.1	8.7
12	CHOCTAW	4,930	890	5,820	15.3	16.0	14.6
13	CIMARRON	1,520	100	1,620	6.2	6.8	4.7
14	CLEVELAND	73,325	4,225	77,550	5.4	5.7	5.3
15	COAL	1,920	370	2,290	16.2	18.6	17.7
16	COMANCHE	38,125	2,250	40,375	5.6	6.1	5.8
17	COTTON	2,320	140	2,460	5.7	6.1	6.4
18	CRAIG	7,660	520	8,180	6.4	7.9	6.1
19	CREEK	29,975	2,750	32,725	8.4	9.4	8.2
20	CUSTER	14,430	990	15,420	6.4	7.1	6.5
21	DELAWARE	10,040	1,080	11,120	9.7	12.1	9.5
22	DEWEY	3,120	270	3,390	8.0	7.6	7.1

	COUNTY	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAR 85	FEB 85	MAR 84
23	ELLIS	2,680	260	2,940	8.8	9.2	7.5
24	GARFIELD	28,375	2,300	30,675	7.5	8.3	6.2
25	GARVIN	11,270	970	12,240	7.9	9.1	7.9
26	GRADY	18,980	1,800	20,780	8.7	9.4	8.2
27	GRANT	2,700	150	2,850	5.3	5.1	5.2
28	GREER	2,860	190	3,050	6.2	6.6	7.2
29	HARMON	1,740	150	1,890	7.9	9.1	6.5
30	HARPER	1,680	140	1,820	7.7	8.0	7.5
31	HASKELL	4,590	820	5,410	15.2	16.3	12.6
32	HUGHES	4,810	980	5,790	16.9	18.3	15.6
33	JACKSON	10,440	880	11,320	7.8	7.8	6.8
34	JEFFERSON	3,450	280	3,730	7.5	8.5	8.1
35	JOHNSTON	4,220	390	4,610	8.5	8.4	7.3
36	KAY	23,600	1,875	25,475	7.4	8.4	7.5
37	KINGFISHER	7,360	490	7,850	6.2	5.8	6.1
38	KIOWA	5,360	450	5,810	7.7	8.1	7.2
39	LATIMER	3,130	690	3,820	18.1	17.8	13.8
40	LEFLORE	11,930	1,950	13,880	14.0	14.8	11.6
41	LINCOLN	10,240	1,380	11,620	11.9	14.0	9.2
42	LOGAN	14,460	800	15,260	5.2	5.9	5.9
43	LOVE	2,370	330	2,700	12.2	12.0	9.2
44	MCCLAIN	11,050	730	11,780	6.2	6.5	5.3
45	MCCURTAIN	13,190	1,740	14,930	11.7	14.3	10.6
46	MCINTOSH	5,890	760	6,650	11.4	13.1	11.5
47	MAJOR	3,790	330	4,120	8.0	7.7	5.4

	COUNTY	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAR 85	FEB 85	MAR 84
48	MARSHALL	4,130	340	4,470	7.6	8.5	7.6
49	MAYES	14,960	1,910	16,870	11.3	15.0	11.5
50	MURRAY	5,410	490	5,900	8.3	9.3	8.3
51	MUSKOGEE	27,875	3,275	31,150	10.5	11.7	9.9
52	NOBLE	5,140	330	5,470	6.0	6.6	6.4
53	NOWATA	4,230	550	4,780	11.5	13.3	11.6
54	OKFUSKEE	3,930	480	4,410	10.9	11.7	11.0
55	OKLAHOMA	302,050	21,025	323,075	6.5	7.3	5.5
56	OKMULGEE	12,500	1,675	14,175	11.8	12.4	12.9
57	OSAGE	19,400	1,075	20,475	5.3	5.7	5.3
58	OTTAWA	12,325	1,450	13,775	10.5	11.4	9.6
59	PAWNEE	5,970	600	6,570	9.1	10.9	11.4
60	PAYNE	31,525	1,575	33,100	4.8	5.2	4.7
61	PITTSBURG	12,150	2,400	14,550	16.5	17.7	12.7
62	PONTOTOC	16,200	1,160	17,360	6.7	8.1	6.0
63	POTTAWATOMIE	29,425	2,150	31,575	6.8	7.0	6.8
64	PUSHMATAHA	2,830	540	3,370	16.0	16.3	16.5
65	ROGER MILLS	2,390	230	2,620	8.8	8.6	9.0
66	ROGERS	23,830	2,170	26,000	8.3	9.2	8.6
67	SEMINOLE	10,860	1,410	12,270	11.5	12.6	9.6
68	SEQUOYAH	14,630	1,540	16,170	9.5	11.5	7.3
69	STEPHENS	19,550	1,450	21,000	6.9	7.2	8.0
70	TEXAS	8,100	400	8,500	4.7	5.6	4.3
71	TILLMAN	4,300	340	4,640	7.3	7.8	12.0
72	TULSA	233,800	17,925	251,725	7.1	8.2	8.0

COUNTY	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MAR 85	FEB 85	MAR 84
73 WAGONER	21,380	1,330	22,710	5.9	7.0	6.1
74 WASHINGTON	24,070	1,140	25,210	4.5	5.2	4.8
75 WASHITA	6,720	580	7,300	7.9	8.5	9.2
76 WOODS	5,870	270	6,140	4.4	4.2	3.3
77 WOODWARD	11,760	1,030	12,790	8.1	8.3	8.2
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	462,300	30,800	493,100	6.2	6.8	5.5
TULSA MSA	328,400	25,200	353,600	7.1	8.1	7.8
SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS *						
A. NORTHWEST	38,300	2,600	40,900	6.4		
B. SOUTHWEST	52,900	4,400	57,300	7.7		
C. NORTH CENTRAL	79,600	6,100	85,700	7.1		
D. SOUTH CENTRAL	110,600	8,400	119,000	7.1		
E. CENTRAL	358,800	24,100	382,900	6.3		
F. TULSA	283,200	21,700	304,900	7.1		
G. EAST CENTRAL	96,800	8,600	105,400	8.2		
H. SOUTHERN	84,200	7,800	92,000	8.5		
I. NORTHEAST	97,100	8,800	105,900	8.3		
J. EASTERN	104,200	11,100	115,300	9.6		
K. SOUTHEAST	52,800	9,000	61,800	14.6		
L. CLEVELAND	63,100	3,900	67,000	5.8		

** These are the geographical areas designated under the Job Training Partnership Act and include all 77 Counties in Oklahoma.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA MARCH 1985 *

I. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

INDUSTRY	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE†											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**30,436**	**100.0**	**20,734**	**9,702**	**10,003**	**12,899**	**7,544**	**26,378**	**8,495**	**1,399**	**6,884**	**2,299**	**672**	**913**	**714**	**797**	**222**	**346**	**229**
Mining	**3,607**	**11.9**	**3,308**	**299**	**1,222**	**1,615**	**770**	**3,460**	**1,153**	**1,580**	**747**	**30**	**14**	**16**	**9**	**64**	**17**	**35**	**12**
Contract Construction	**6,696**	**22.0**	**6,383**	**315**	**1,764**	**3,379**	**1,555**	**5,872**	**1,522**	**2,982**	**1,388**	**427**	**81**	**213**	**133**	**196**	**49**	**104**	**43**
Manufacturing, Total	**6,199**	**20.3**	**3,828**	**2,341**	**2,084**	**2,620**	**1,476**	**5,196**	**1,700**	**2,283**	**1,203**	**483**	**123**	**172**	**158**	**173**	**59**	**81**	**53**
Food & Kindred Products	500	1.6	326	174	188	232	80	403	137	208	58	51	24	12	15	23	6	10	7
Apparel & Related Products	732	2.4	48	684	258	331	143	563	187	281	95	27	11	6	10	26	12	8	6
Lumber & Wood Products	202	.7	166	36	86	70	46	172	74	60	38	11	4	3	4	9	5	3	1
Printing & Publishing	119	.4	50	69	40	49	30	109	31	48	30	5	5	0	0	3	2	1	0
Refining	368	1.2	256	112	141	152	75	337	135	139	63	18	3	9	6	6	1	2	3
Stone, Clay & Glass	337	1.1	259	78	97	192	48	267	68	156	43	32	5	23	4	9	2	6	1
Primary Metal Products	290	1.0	257	33	84	121	85	260	72	112	76	19	6	6	7	6	3	2	1
Fabricated Metal Products	1,062	3.5	857	205	310	498	254	934	277	436	221	74	13	43	18	26	8	6	12
Machinery, except Electrical	278	.9	235	43	132	98	48	244	110	90	44	12	6	3	3	4	2	2	0
Electrical Machinery	689	2.3	290	399	212	239	238	564	183	197	184	78	10	26	42	13	6	2	5
Transportation Equipment	270	.9	203	67	90	110	70	242	76	101	65	14	3	7	4	2	1	1	0
All Other Manufacturing	1,322	4.3	881	441	426	537	359	1,091	350	455	286	112	33	34	45	46	11	18	17
Transportation & Public Utilities	**1,841**	**5.4**	**1,296**	**345**	**479**	**847**	**515**	**1,434**	**408**	**576**	**450**	**161**	**43**	**80**	**58**	**12**	**2**	**7**	**3**
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**4,658**	**15.3**	**2,187**	**2,471**	**1,693**	**1,761**	**1,204**	**4,114**	**1,481**	**1,551**	**1,082**	**399**	**123**	**173**	**103**	**55**	**21**	**25**	**9**
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	**822**	**2.7**	**215**	**607**	**282**	**319**	**221**	**747**	**252**	**301**	**194**	**51**	**12**	**18**	**21**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**4**
Services	**5,281**	**17.4**	**2,426**	**2,855**	**1,830**	**1,979**	**1,472**	**4,379**	**1,475**	**1,699**	**1,205**	**606**	**222**	**197**	**186**	**195**	**53**	**66**	**76**
State Government	**244**	**.8**	**123**	**121**	**68**	**92**	**84**	**173**	**45**	**71**	**57**	**43**	**12**	**15**	**16**	**21**	**4**	**6**	**11**
All Other	**1,316**	**4.2**	**968**	**348**	**601**	**468**	**247**	**1,023**	**449**	**376**	**198**	**121**	**42**	**49**	**30**	**77**	**17**	**42**	**18**

See footnotes at end of table.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

OKLAHOMA MARCH 1985 *

II. MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT							DURATION BY RACE †											
			Sex		Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Male	Female	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**30,436**	**100.0**	**20,734**	**9,702**	**10,003**	**12,889**	**7,544**	**26,378**	**8,485**	**1,389**	**6,504**	**2,299**	**672**	**913**	**714**	**797**	**222**	**346**	**229**
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3,695	12.1	2,173	1,522	1,256	1,485	954	3,377	1,121	1,395	861	159	53	53	53	85	21	29	35
Clerical	4,482	14.7	678	3,804	1,502	1,736	1,244	3,973	1,303	1,552	1,118	365	129	142	94	80	18	37	25
Sales	1,242	4.1	770	472	406	518	318	1,141	356	488	297	67	30	22	15	20	7	7	6
Service	2,386	7.8	935	1,451	730	903	753	1,786	534	695	559	476	145	172	159	67	19	23	25
Farming, Fishery, Forestry & Related	280	.9	246	34	87	125	68	243	70	111	62	16	6	9	1	18	8	5	5
Processing	656	2.2	492	164	167	310	179	562	132	272	158	58	22	25	11	23	6	10	7
Machine Trades	1,914	6.3	1,709	205	626	873	415	1,683	554	775	354	129	32	58	39	56	16	24	16
Bench Work	2,135	7.0	805	1,330	673	888	574	1,657	528	721	408	212	41	74	97	66	24	24	18
Structural Work	7,446	24.5	7,286	160	2,100	3,580	1,766	6,520	1,820	3,159	1,541	482	107	225	150	256	51	135	69
Miscellaneous	6,200	20.4	5,640	560	2,456	2,471	1,273	5,434	2,067	2,221	1,146	335	107	133	95	127	52	52	23

III. AGE AND SEX BY DURATION AND RACE

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT					DURATION BY RACE †											
			Duration by Weeks			White				Black				Indian			
	Number	Percent Distribution	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over	Number	Less Than 5	5-14	15 and over
Total	**30,436**	**100.0**	**10,003**	**12,889**	**7,544**	**26,378**	**8,485**	**1,389**	**6,504**	**2,299**	**672**	**913**	**714**	**797**	**222**	**346**	**229**
Under 22	1,317	4.3	488	579	250	1,166	430	513	223	90	26	44	20	28	15	9	4
22-24	3,268	10.7	1,104	1,438	726	2,823	941	1,268	614	280	88	108	84	68	18	34	16
25-34	11,636	38.2	3,776	5,038	2,822	9,929	3,158	4,394	2,377	1,013	313	389	311	312	81	144	87
35-44	7,033	23.1	2,404	2,887	1,742	6,162	2,075	2,577	1,510	474	129	199	146	192	54	72	66
45-54	4,269	14.0	1,377	1,759	1,133	3,725	1,176	1,559	990	276	66	116	94	137	34	58	45
55 and over	2,913	9.6	854	1,188	871	2,573	705	1,078	790	166	50	57	59	80	20	29	11
Male-Total	**20,734**	**68.1**	**6,685**	**9,229**	**4,820**	**18,082**	**5,732**	**8,171**	**4,179**	**1,472**	**396**	**627**	**447**	**589**	**159**	**280**	**150**
Under 22	924	3.0	343	416	165	822	303	372	147	61	16	32	13	21	14	3	4
22-24	2,287	7.5	750	1,064	473	1,997	650	940	407	182	55	72	55	47	9	30	8
25-34	8,281	27.2	2,665	3,736	1,880	7,146	2,268	3,278	1,600	638	181	266	191	224	58	104	62
35-44	4,600	15.1	1,543	1,966	1,091	4,027	1,327	1,756	944	306	82	130	94	137	40	53	44
45-54	2,782	9.1	880	1,222	680	2,424	745	1,081	598	174	39	79	56	99	26	48	25
55 and over	1,860	6.1	504	825	531	1,666	439	744	483	111	25	48	38	41	12	22	7
Female-Total	**9,702**	**31.9**	**3,318**	**3,660**	**2,724**	**8,296**	**2,753**	**3,218**	**2,325**	**827**	**274**	**286**	**267**	**228**	**63**	**66**	**79**
Under 22	393	1.3	145	163	85	344	127	141	76	29	10	12	7	7	1	6	0
22-24	981	3.2	354	374	253	826	291	328	207	98	33	36	29	21	9	4	8
25-34	3,355	11.0	1,111	1,302	942	2,783	890	1,116	777	375	132	123	120	88	23	40	25
35-44	2,433	8.0	861	921	651	2,135	748	821	566	168	47	69	52	55	14	19	22
45-54	1,487	4.9	497	537	453	1,301	431	478	392	102	27	37	38	38	8	10	20
55 and over	1,053	3.5	350	363	340	907	266	334	307	55	25	9	21	19	8	7	4

* *Based on data for week of March 17-23, 1985.*

† *Figures for White, Black and Indian will not add to totals due to other non-white and persons for which information was not available.*

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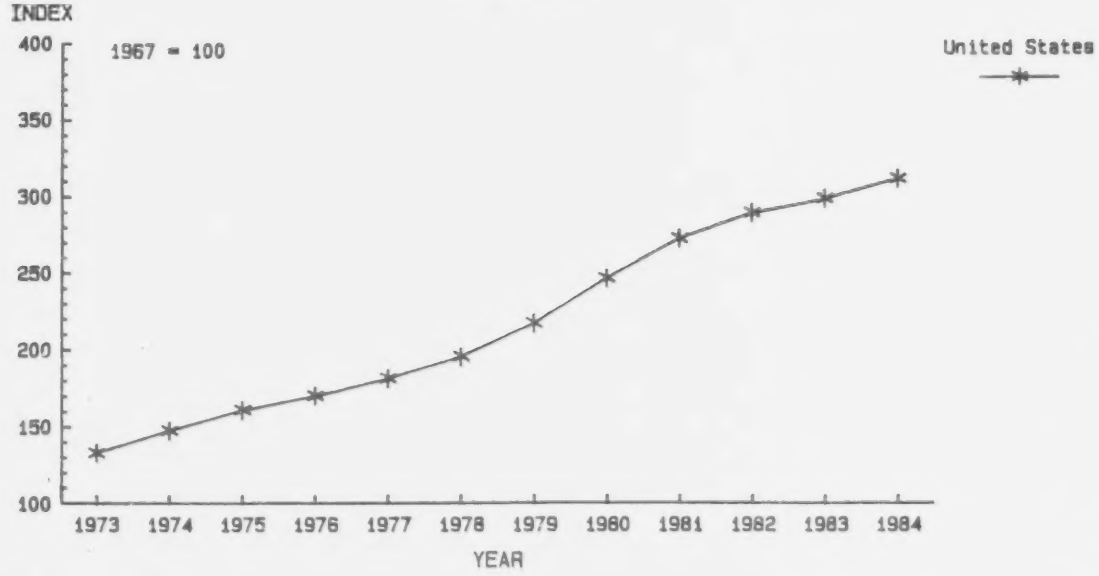
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
1973-1984



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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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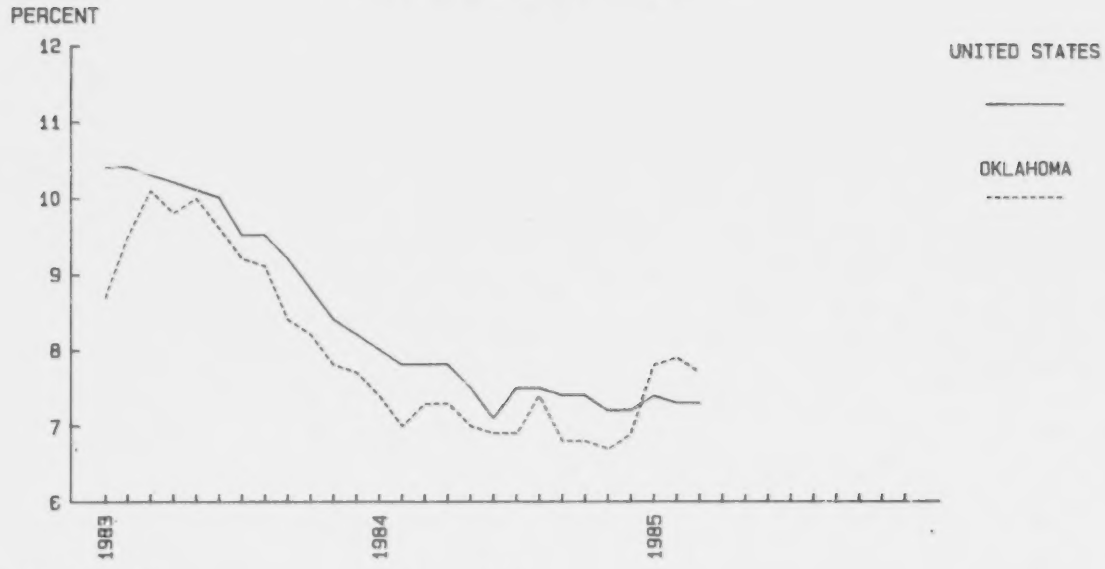
ANNUAL YEAR	ANNUAL INDEX	MONTH	MONTH 1984	MONTH 1985	PERCENT CHANGE PREV. YR.	PERCENT CHANGE PREV. MO.
1973	133.1	JAN	305.2	316.1	3.6	0.2
1974	147.7	FEB	306.6	317.4	3.5	0.4
1975	161.2	MAR	307.3	318.8	3.7	0.4
1976	170.5	APR	308.8		4.5	0.5
1977	181.5	MAY	309.7		4.2	0.3
1978	195.4	JUN	310.7		4.2	0.3
1979	217.4	JUL	311.7		4.1	0.3
1980	246.8	AUG	313.0		4.2	0.4
1981	272.4	SEP	314.5		4.2	0.5
1982	289.1	OCT	315.3		4.2	0.3
1983	298.4	NOV	315.3		4.0	0.0
1984	311.1	DEC	315.5		4.0	0.1

The Consumer price Index is a widely watched national indicator of inflation. It is a measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services costs today with what the same sample "market basket" cost at an earlier date. For more detailed information on the various items or indices, call Research and Planning Division (405) 521-3735.

COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES UNITED STATES AND OKLAHOMA



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MONTH	1983 UNADJ. U.S.	1983 UNADJ. OK	1983 ADJ. U.S.	1983 ADJ. OK	1984 UNADJ. U.S.	1984 UNADJ. OK	1984 ADJ. U.S.	1984 ADJ. OK	1985 UNADJ. U.S.	1985 UNADJ. OK	1985 ADJ. U.S.	1985 ADJ. OK	MONTH
JAN	11.4	9.2	10.4	8.7	8.6	7.9	8.0	7.4	8.0	8.3	7.4	7.8	JAN
FEB	11.3	10.1	10.4	9.5	8.4	7.5	7.8	7.0	7.8	8.4	7.3	7.9	FEB
MAR	10.8	10.0	10.3	10.1	8.1	7.3	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.3	7.7	MAR
APR	10.0	9.6	10.2	9.8	7.6	7.2	7.8	7.3					APR
MAY	9.8	10.0	10.1	10.0	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.0					MAY
JUN	10.2	9.8	10.0	9.6	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.9					JUN
JUL	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.2	7.5	7.1	7.5	6.9					JUL
AUG	9.0	8.8	9.5	9.1	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.4					AUG
SEP	8.8	8.1	9.2	8.4	7.1	6.6	7.4	6.8					SEP
OCT	8.4	7.9	8.8	8.2	7.0	6.6	7.4	6.8					OCT
NOV	8.1	7.7	8.4	7.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	6.7					NOV
DEC	8.0	7.5	8.2	7.7	7.0	6.7	7.2	6.9					DEC
AVE	9.5	9.0	--	--	7.5	7.0	--	--					AVE

Rates are based on Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U. S. and Oklahoma are revised.
The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1984 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research & Planning Division.

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